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Curriculum Vitae

Department of Anthropology
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Areas of expertise:

Internal and Transnational Migrations; Gender; Globalization; Masculinity and Femininity; Indigeneity; Kinship and Care; Mexican Military; Multi-Species Ethnography; Mexico.

Areas of competence:

Latin American History; Latin American Popular Culture; Social Movements; Anthropology of Race; Materiality; Latinxs in the United States; Legal Anthropology.

Education

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| 2016 | PhD in Anthropology. University of Oregon. Dissertation Title: “Gender, Kinship, and Care: Intersections of Transnational and Internal Indigenous Migration.” |
| 2012 | MA in Anthropology. University of Oregon, |
| 2007 | MSc in the Philosophy of the Social Sciences. London School of Economics and Political Science. |
| 2005 | BA in Anthropology. Universidad de las Américas, Puebla (UDLAP). |

Professional Appointments

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| 2018-Present | Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. |
| 2016-2018 | Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Texas at El Paso. |
| 2011-2015 | Graduate Teaching Fellow, Department of Anthropology, University of Oregon. |

Visiting Research Appointments

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| 2022-2023 | Visiting Research Fellow at the Animal Law and Policy Program at Harvard Law School. |
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Summer 2017 Visiting Scholar in the Latin American and Iberian Institute at the University of New Mexico.

Publications

Book

2022 [*Oaxaca in Motion: An Ethnography of Internal, Transnational, and Return Migration.* University of Texas Press.](#)

Edited Volume

2022 (Co-Author with Jennifer Byrnes) [*The Marginalized in Death: A Forensic Anthropology of Intersectional Identity in the Modern Era.* Lexington Books.](#)

Peer Review

- 2021 (co-author with Rigoberto Reyes Sánchez) “De jaurías, sufrimientos y rescates: Violencia y relaciones entre perros y humanos en dos ciudades fronterizas Mexicanas.” *Tabula Rasa*
- 2021 “Ser un “migrante verdadero”: Temporalidad y efimeridad al atravesar México,” in *Ética, política y migración*, edited by Luis Ruben Díaz Cepeda, Roberto Sánchez Benítez and Amy Reed-Sandoval. Universidad Autónoma de Ciudad Juárez.
- 2020 “En busca del bienestar animal en Ciudad Juárez: Dos manifestaciones del animalismo.” *Cuadernos Fronterizos* 16(48):22-25
- 2019 ““We came for the Cartilla but we stayed for the Tortilla”: Enlisting in the Military as a Form of Migration for Zapotec Men.” *Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology* 24(3):617-634.
- 2017 “Uncertain futures: The Unfinished Houses of Undocumented Migrants in Oaxaca, Mexico.” *American Anthropologist* 119(2):209-222.
- 2017 “Navigating the City: Internal Migration of Oaxacan Indigenous Women.” *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 43(5):849-865.
- 2016 “Understanding Latino Masculinities in the Classroom.” *American Philosophical Association Newsletter on Hispanic/Latino Issues in Philosophy*.
- 2016 “Semi-Stray Dogs and Graduated Humanness: The Political Encounters of Dogs and Humans in Mexico,” in *Companion Animals in Everyday Life: Situating Human-Animal Engagement within Cultures*, edited by Michal Pregowski. Palgrave/Macmillan.

Other Publications

- 2021 “The Politics of Saving Dogs.” Invited contribution to the Bulletin of the General Anthropology Division 28(1).
- 2021 “Listening from the Other Side.” Invited contribution to Nevada Humanities Heart to Heart (<https://www.nevadahumanities.org/heart-to-heart/2021/3/30/listening-from-the-other-side>).

- 2020 “Re-territorializing María Sabina: Huautla, Mushrooms, and Politics.” Editor’s Forum: Hot Spots, *Cultural Anthropology* (<https://culanth.org/fieldsights/re-territorializing-mar%C3%ADa-sabina-huautla-mushrooms-and-politics>).
- 2020 “Who doesn’t love a taco? “Taste the Nation” & the problem with neoliberal immigrant rights activism”, with Amy Reed-Sandoval. *Salon* (<https://www.salon.com/2020/06/30/taste-the-nation-and-the-problem-with-neoliberal-immigrant-rights-activism/>)
- 2020 “Care is not essential”. *Latin American Perspectives: Blog* (Online: <http://laperspectives.blogspot.com/2020/04/care-is-not-essential.html>)
- 2020 “Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México Organizes First Colloquium on “Decentering the Anthropos”” (co-written with Paola Velasco Santos). *Anthropology News*, Society for Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology News Section. (Online: <https://www.anthropology-news.org/index.php/2020/04/28/la-universidad-nacional-autonoma-de-mexico-organiza-el-primer-coloquio-des-centrar-el-anthropos/>)
- 2019 “What Future for Magic Mushroom?” Public Books (Online: <https://www.publicbooks.org/what-future-for-magic-mushrooms/>)
- 2017 “Multi-species Ethnography.” Entry for *Humans and Animals: A Geography of Coexistence* (encyclopedia), edited by Julie Ubanik and Connie Johnston. ABC-CLIO.
- 2014 “For the Love of Dogs: Approaching Animal-Human Interactions in Mexico.” *Anthropology News*, Society for Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology Section.

Book Reviews

- 2022 González, Roberto. *Connected: How a Mexican Village Built its own Cell Phone Network*. University of California Press, Berkeley. *Mexican Studies/Estudios Mexicanos*.
- 2019 Esteban E. Loustaunau and Lauren E. Shaw (editors). *Telling Migrant Stories: Latin American Diaspora in Documentary Film*. Gainesville, University of Florida Press. In *The Americas: A Quarterly Review of Latin American History* 76(2):382-383.
- 2015 Ronda Brulotte and Michael A. Di Giovine (editors). *Edible Identities: Food as Cultural Heritage* (2014). Ashgate, Burlington. In *Allegra: A Virtual Lab of Legal Anthropology* (Online).
- 2011 Néstor García Canclini. *Consumers and Citizens: Globalization and Multicultural Conflicts* (2001). Translated by George Yúdice. University of Minnesota Press, Minneapolis. In *Anthropology Review Database*, University at Buffalo (Online).

Select Articles under Review or In Preparation
(Titles and journals omitted to facilitate peer-review)

Journal article that addresses animal rights activism and voice in Ciudad Juárez—Under Review

Journal article that addresses migration and temporality—Revise and Resubmit
Journal article that addresses the political participation of animal rights activists in Mexico’s electoral system—In Preparation.

Select Awards and Fellowships

- 2021 CSUN Faculty Achievement Award, University of Nevada, Las Vegas.
- 2020 Prize for Exemplary Cross-Field Scholarship from the General Anthropology Division (American Anthropological Association) for the article: “Uncertain futures: The Unfinished Houses of Undocumented Migrants in Oaxaca, Mexico.” *American Anthropologist* 119(2):209-222.
- 2020 Culture and Animals Foundation, Research Grant for the Project: “Redefining Dog Breeds in Mexico City: Race, Nationalism, and Compassion.”
- 2017 University of California at Los Angeles, School of Law, Animal Law and Policy Small Grant Recipient for the Project: “Animal Trials and Tribulations: Activism, Legality, and Animal Rights in Ciudad Juarez.”
- 2016 Elsie Clews Parsons Prize from the American Ethnological Society for the essay: “Incomplete Lives: The Unfinished Houses of Undocumented Migrants in Oaxaca, Mexico.”
- 2015-2016 Jane Grant Dissertation Fellowship from the Center for the Study of Women in Society, University of Oregon for the dissertation: “The Intersections of Transnational and Internal Indigenous Migration: Gender, Kinship and Care.”
- 2015 Sasakawa Young Leaders Fund (Sylff) Research Abroad Fellowship.
- 2014-2015 Oregon University System-Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellowship Fund (Sylff) Graduate Fellowships for International Research to conduct fieldwork research in Mexico and in the U.S. from September 2014 to August 2015.
- 2013 Oregon Heritage Fellowship, Oregon State Parks and Recreation Office for the project: “Being Zapotec, Latino and Oregonian: Zapotec Indigenous Identities in Oregon”.
- 2012 Global Land Grabbing Research Grant for “The Political Economy of Agriculture and Land Conflict in a Transborder Oaxacan Community” project through the Land Deal Politics Initiatives from the International Institute for Social Studies, Erasmus University, Rotterdam, Netherlands, in association with the *Journal of Peasant Studies*.

Professional Presentations and Panels

- Keynote Speaker
October 2022 “Punitivismo y el movimiento de protección animal en México.” 1° Congreso Iberoamericano de antrozoología. Virtual conference.
- July 2022 “Responsibility and Punitivism in the Animal Protection Movement in Mexico.” 31st International Society for Anthrozoology Conference.

Invited Talks

- September 2022 “Antes y después: Perros que Cruzan la frontera entre México y EEUU/ Before and After: Dogs Crossing the Mexico-US Border.” Investigar las fronteras/Knowing Borders: Ecologies, Materialities, Aesthetics. Arizona State University/Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana. Remote
- March 2022 “Punitivism and Animal Rights/Welfare Activism in Mexico.” Brown University. Remote.
- December 2020 “Política de los animales: Esbozos de un teatro no-humano.” Escala 2020, Secretaría de Cultura del Gobierno de Mexico and Instituto Nacional de Bellas Artes y Literatura (Remote)
- November 2020 “El Departamento en la Investigación.” Anthropology Conference, Department of Anthropology, Universidad de las Américas, Puebla (UDLAP) (Remote)
- January 2020 “Voice and Corporeality in Animal Rights Activism in Ciudad Juárez.” University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon.
- May 2018 “El cuerpo animal del delito: Voz y corporalidad en el activismo animalista en Ciudad Juárez.” Centro de Estudios Antropológicos, El Colegio de Michoacán. Zamora, Michoacán.
- September 2011 “Latino Roots in the Willamette Valley.” Center for Sustainable Communities, American Ethnic Studies and Politics. Willamette University. Salem, Oregon.

Select Talks and Presentations

- October 2022 “Salvando y regresando: Cuidado silvestre y animales incomprendidos.” (con Gabriela Silva Hernández, TLACUY) Primer Congreso de Estudios Críticos Animales, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México. Hybrid Conference.
- May 2022 “Punitivism and Animal Rights/Welfare Activism in Mexico.” Animal Law and Policy Program, Harvard Law School. Remote.
- May 2021 “Violencia Perricida”: On the Strange Equivalences between the Lives and Deaths of Humans and Dogs. Latin American Studies Association (Remote)
- October 2020 “Migración interna y transnacional: Género y parentesco dentro y fuera de México”. 3er Foro Internacional sobre migrantes, refugiados y derechos humanos. Paso de Esperanza, A.C. (Remote).
- November 2019 “The Politics of Saving Dogs: Compassion, Justice, and Dogs Who Need Saving”. American Anthropological Association Conference, Vancouver, Canada.
- October 2019 “Violencia perricida: Las extrañas equivalencias entre la vida y la muerte humana y perruna.” Coloquio: Des-centrar el anthropos: perspectivas y diálogos sobre los enredos multiespecies desde la ciencia, la cultura y el activismo. Universidad Autónoma de México, Ciudad de México.

- May 2019 ““There’s No Crime without a Victim”: Justice, Animal Bodies, and Animal Rights in Ciudad Juárez, México”. Latin American Studies Association Congress, Boston, MA.
- May 2019 ““Los verdaderos migrantes”: Temporalidad y percepción de migrantes centroamericanos en tránsito por México.” Congreso de Ética, política y migración en la frontera México-Estados Unidos. Universidad Autónoma de Ciudad Juárez/University of Texas at El Paso, Ciudad Juárez, México (in Spanish).
- April 2019 Poster Presentation: “¿Es el movimiento animalista un movimiento social?: Animalistas en Ciudad Juárez”. Society for Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology Spring Conference, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic (in Spanish).
- November 2018 “The Mexican Animal Rights Movement(s) and Democracy: A View from the Margins”. American Anthropological Association Conference, San Jose, CA.
- April 2018 “The Rights of the Non-Human Animal in the Mexico-U.S. Border: Activism and Legality.” Video Presentation for the Biennial Meeting for the Society for Cultural Anthropology.
- November 2017 “Obtaining Rights through Injury: Activism and Non-Human Animals in Ciudad Juarez.” American Anthropological Association Conference, Washington, D.C.
- April 2017 “Joining the Military as Migration: Indigenous Soldiers in the Mexican Military.” Militarism and Migration Conference. UCSD, San Diego, CA
- November 2016 “Zapotec Soldiers: Indigeneity and Masculinity in the Mexican Military.” American Anthropological Association Conference, Minneapolis, MN.
- April 2016 “Targets and Emissaries: Zapotec Men, Mexican Soldiers.” American Ethnological Society Spring Meeting, Washington, D.C.
- November 2015 “Unfinished Lives: The Affect of Migrants' Unfinished Houses.” American Anthropological Association Conference, Denver, CO.
- April 2015 “Internal or Transnational? Zapotec Women’s Migration Dilemmas.” Center for the Study of Women in Society, Eugene, OR.
- December 2014 “Loosening and Strengthening the Knot of Kinship: A Transborder History of Relatedness.” American Anthropological Association Conference, Washington, D.C.
- October 2013 “Neoliberalismo, y el conflicto agrario y político en la comunidad transfronteriza de Zegache”. First Meeting of the International Congress on "The Indigenous Peoples of Latin America, 19th-21st Centuries. Oaxaca, Mexico (in Spanish).
- May 2013 “Doglincuentos and Semi-Stray Dogs: A Multi-Species Ethnography on Globalization”. Presented at the Critical Animal Studies Working Group at the University of Washington, Seattle, WA.
- April 2013 “Shaping Subsistence Agriculture: Politics, Religion, and the Rural/Urban Divide in an Indigenous village in Oaxaca, Mexico, 1940-2000.” Global

History of Agrarian Regimes, 1750-2000. Weatherhead Center, Harvard. Cambridge, MA.

May 2012 “Against Corporate Logic: Traditional Agriculture and the Global Market in Rural Oaxaca.” Panel: Impacts and Responses to Corporate Globalism in Latin America's Food and Agricultural Systems. Organizer: Steven S. Zahniser. Latin American Studies Association, San Francisco, CA.

April 2012 “The Political Economy of Agriculture and Land Conflict in a Transborder Oaxacan Community: A first approximation.” Panel: Histories and Identities in Oaxaca. Organizer: Lynn Stephen and Gaspar Rivera Salgado. Society for Applied Anthropology. Baltimore, MD.

Panels as Invited Discussant

November 2019 “Different But Not Different: Ethnographies of Substitution (Part 2)”, organized by Nandita Badami and Kathleen Ulrich. American Anthropological Association Conference, Vancouver, Canada.

Roundtables and Panels Organized

November 2021 “Multimodal Ethnography as Method for Staying True to Political Engagements and Critical Epistemologies.” Invited Roundtable by the Society of Visual Anthropology. Co-organized with Maurice Magaña. American Anthropological Association, Baltimore (Remote).

November 2021 “Towards the Margins: Accounting for the Marginalized in Forensic Anthropology.” Executive Session co-organized with Jennifer Byrnes. American Anthropological Association, Baltimore (Remote).

May 2021 “Material Presences: Infrastructures, Identity and Human Rights.” Latin American Studies Association. Virtual Congress.

May 2021 “Living and Dying in Peru and Mexico: Thinking with Non-Human Animal Others”. Latin American Studies Association. Virtual Congress.

November 2017 “Non-Human Borderlands.” Two-session panel co-Organized with Rodrigo Rentería-Valencia. American Anthropological Association. Washington, D.C.

December 2014 “Building Relatedness: Kinship, Care, and Latin America”. 2014 American Anthropological Association Meeting. Washington, DC

Invited Guest Lectures

March 2022 “Voice, Visuality, And Corporeality In Animal Rights Activism In Ciudad Juarez, Mexico.” Class: Political Animals.” Professor: Dr. Luísa Reis Castro. University of Southern California.

November 2021 “Unfinished Uncertain futures: The Unfinished Houses of Undocumented Migrants in Oaxaca, Mexico.” Class: Urban Futures. Professor: Dr. Alize Arican. Rutgers University.

- February 2021 “Interspecies Ethnography: Undoing Borders and Boundaries in Ethnography.” Class: Ethnographic Methods Seminar. Professor: Dr. Lynn Stephen. University of Oregon.
- March 2017 “Toxic Masculinity.” Class: Cultural Grounded Social Work course for Master’s students. Professor: Dr. Mark Lusk. University of Texas at El Paso.

Media Presence

- Quoted in The Nevada Independent article: [Virgin of Guadalupe, first Indigenous apparition of Mary, remains sacred and towering figure among Latinos](#), by Jazmin Orozco Rodriguez. December 12, 2021.
- Quoted in The Nevada Independent article: [Latino Nevadans keep Día de los Muertos celebrations alive in their communities](#), by Jannelle Calderon and Jazmin Orozco Rodriguez. November 2, 2021.
- Quoted in The Santa Fe New Mexican article: [Dogs without borders: New Mexico group aids strays in Juárez](#), by Danielle Prokop, May 27, 2019.
- [Interview with Animal Concerns Texas, KTEP, on animal rights activism in Ciudad Juárez](#). January 28, 2018.

Teaching Experience

At the University of Nevada, Las Vegas:

Undergraduate:

- ANTH 101 – Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (Classroom instruction/Online instruction)
- ANTH 304 – Ethnography of Contemporary Mexico
- ANTH 436 – History of Anthropology
- ANTH 438 – Ethnographic Field Methods (Classroom instruction/Online instruction)

Graduate:

- ANTH 638 – Ethnographic Field Methods
- ANTH 741 – Anthropology of Borders and Migration

At the University of Texas at El Paso:

- ANTH 1302 – Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
- ANTH 3361 – Contemporary Mexican Culture (cross-listed with Sociology)
- ANTH 4370 – Masculinities (cross-listed with Sociology, and Women and Gender Studies)
- ANTH 4370 – Animals and Society (cross-listed with Sociology, and Philosophy)
- ANTH 4370 – Modern Families (cross-listed with Sociology, and Women and Gender Studies)

At the University of Oregon:

- ANTH 329 – Immigrants and Farmworkers

Fieldwork Experience and Projects

- May 2017-Present Ethnographic fieldwork in Mexico for the research project tentatively titled “Animal Bodies, Human Voices: Violence and the Animal Rights Movement in Mexico.”
- June 2016 Ethnographic fieldwork in Mazatlán, Sinaloa (Mexico), as part of the “Transit Migration” project funded by Wenner-Gren Foundation. Principal Investigators Kristin Yarris and Heidi Castañeda.
- July 2011-July 2015 Ethnographic fieldwork in Oaxaca, Oregon and Mexico City, as part of my dissertation research.
- Sep 2011-May 2012 Participated in the pilot project: “Racism, Stress and Health among Latino Immigrants in the Eugene/Springfield Area,” funded by the Center for Latino/a and Latin American Studies, University of Oregon. Principal Investigators: Heather McClure, Josh Snodgrass, and Lynn Stephen.
- Jan 2011-Jun 2011 Participated in the [“Latino Roots in Oregon Project.”](#) Coordinators: Gabriela Martínez and Lynn Stephen.

Service

Professional Service

- Roseberry-Nash Graduate Student Award Jury, for the Society of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology.
- Board Member for the Society of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology, 2018-2021.
- Elsie Clews Parsons Prize Jury, for American Ethnological Society.
- Cultural Horizons Award Jury, for the Society for Cultural Anthropology.

Departmental Service

- Graduate Curriculum Committee (2020-2021), Graduate Admissions Committee (2020-2021), Search Committee for Tenure Track Position (2019-2020), Online Anthropology Major/Minor Committee (2019-2020), Scholarship Committee (2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021), Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (Spring 2019), Member of the Bylaws Revision Committee (Fall 2018)

Reviewer Service

Journals and Presses:

- American Anthropologist. American Ethnologist. Animal Studies Journal. Cultural Geographies. Essays in Philosophy. Global Networks. Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology (4). Latino Studies. Ruta Antropológica. Oxford University Press. Nature and Culture. Sage Open. Social Anthropology/Anthropologie Sociale. Society and Animals.

Grants and Fellowships:

- National Science Foundation (ad hoc review).

Mentoring

Graduate Students Committee Work:

Heather Frigiola [Chair, Doctoral Dissertation Committee, Department of Anthropology, UNLV]

Danielle Romero [Member, Doctoral Dissertation Committee, Department of Anthropology, UNLV]

Roxayn Povidas [Member, Master's Degree, Dissertation Committee, Department of Anthropology, UNLV--Completed]

Gvidon Stamboltsyan [External Member, Master's Degree, Department of World Languages and Cultures, UNLV--Completed]

Elizabeth Johnson [Member, Doctoral Dissertation Committee, Department of Anthropology, UNLV]

Julianne Paige [Member, Doctoral Dissertation Committee, Department of Anthropology, UNLV]

Nikki Bennett [Co-Chair, Doctoral Dissertation Committee, Department of Anthropology, UNLV]

Undergraduate Students Research:

Tacie Cox [Undergraduate, Independent Research Spring 2021]

Nathalie Martinez [Undergraduate, Independent Research Spring 2021]

Kyle Sabrina Torres [Undergraduate, Independent Research Fall 2020]

External Committee Work:

David Varela [External Reader, Doctoral Dissertation, Instituto de Investigaciones Antropológicas, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México/UNAM] Defended Dissertation 2022

Community Service

Fall 2021 Facilitator and contact person for the Hostile Terrain 94 exhibit (created by Jason de Leon and the Undocumented Migration Project) at the Barrick Museum of Art at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas

2015-2016 Facilitator for the Philosophy for Children in the Borderlands, based in El Paso and Ciudad Juárez.

2013-2014 Association of Anthropology Graduate Students, Department of Anthropology, University of Oregon.

2012-2014 Undergraduate-Graduate Research Mentorship Program, Department of Anthropology, University of Oregon.

Academic Affiliations

American Anthropological Association (AAA).

Society for Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology (SLACA).

Society for Cultural Anthropology.
American Ethnological Society.
Southwest Anthropological Association.
Latin American Studies Association (LASA)
General Anthropology Division (AAA)
The Society for Latin American Studies (SLAS)

Languages

Spanish (Native), Spanglish (Fluent), English (Fluent), French (Intermediate).